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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity in Plauen, Rudolstadt and SaalfeldEVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                      25X1DATE OF CONTENT                      25X1DATE OBTAINED                      DATE PREPARED 15 June 1955REFERENCES                      25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                     REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED 25X1  
Information

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1. Between 7 and 17 May 1955, the Hindenburg Kaserne (8442) in Plauen was occupied as previously by some 1,500 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Little drill and maintenance work on trucks but no heavy weapons and departing or arriving units were observed. Motor vehicles                      entered and left the installation through the main gate. These vehicles may have proceeded to the Koenig Georg Kaserne (8443).<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. Between 7 and 17 May, the Koenig Georg Kaserne in Plauen appeared to be almost vacant. No training or vehicular traffic were observed. Only a few windows were lit at dusk. On 16 May, it was learned that the unit from this installation had left for Glauchau. The installation was allegedly not to be occupied by Soviet troops again.<sup>2</sup> 25X1
3. Between 7 and 17 May, the Kirchbach Kaserne (8441) in Plauen was occupied as previously by 300 to 400 soldiers including 65 percent wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the others blue-bordered black epaulets. A radio truck had been observed in the barracks yard since recently. Approximately 80 soldiers were seen at drill.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
4. Between 8 and 18 May 1955, the Finanzamt (8463) in Rudolstadt was occupied by 500 to 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles                      were seen entering and leaving the installation. 25X1
5. Between 8 and 18 May, the Prinz Eugen Kaserne (8462) in Rudolstadt was occupied by an estimated 500 to 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The installation was fully lighted at dusk. Firing with rifles and pistols and servicing of motor vehicles were observed. On 10 May, 46 soldiers with light infantry weapons marched to the Saale meadows. Motor vehicle                      was seen in connection with supply traffic.<sup>4</sup> 25X1
6. Between 8 and 18 May, the Flak Kaserne (8461) in Rudolstadt was occupied by an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black, blue-bordered black, red and black epaulets. The installation was fully lighted after nightfall. Drill of up to 150 soldiers and maintenance work on motor vehicles and a tractor were observed. On 10 May, some 40 soldiers 25X1

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[REDACTED] with small arms left for the Saale meadows. [REDACTED]

7. Six heavy AA guns, 2 heavy machine guns and 1 searchlight were still stationed in the AAA emplacement near Moerla. The emplacement was connected with the Flak Kaserne by a wire line. Construction work observed there continued.<sup>5</sup> 25X1
8. On 12 May, approximately 150 soldiers received infantry training and instruction on machine guns in the Saale meadows. 25X1
9. Between 3 and 10 May, the Prinz-Louis-Ferdinand Kaserne (8481) in Saalfeld was occupied by the following units: 25X1
  - 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including 40 to 50 percent with artillery and 25 to 30 percent with motor transport insignia. 25X1
  - 200 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets including 10 percent with construction engineer insignia.
  - 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets including about 10 percent with motor transport insignia. 25X1
- The installation [REDACTED] at dusk. No training was held at the training grounds [REDACTED] of the barracks installation. Some 100 soldiers were almost [REDACTED] of theoretical instruction on 10 to 12 trucks. On 10 May, 25 to 30 soldiers received instruction on 2 M-13 rocket launchers. About 70 percent of the motor vehicles of the units were of new types and the majority of these vehicles were factory-new.<sup>6</sup>
1. [REDACTED] Comment. The Hindenburg and Kirchbach Kasernen are believed to be occupied by the 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which had apparently not yet left for a summer camp. 25X1
2. [REDACTED] Comment. A departure from the Koenig Georg Kaserne of the 87th Gun Arty Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which is carried there could not be observed. [REDACTED] some 30 trucks with approximately 300 soldiers were unloaded in Plauen and proceeded to this installation on 3 May. 25X1
3. [REDACTED] Comment. The Hq XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps is believed to be located there. 25X1
4. [REDACTED] Comment. The Prinz Eugen Kaserne and the Flak Kaserne appear to be occupied as previously.
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